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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Glenn T. Suddaby, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and John F. Pikus, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division, announced that **ROBERT F. WALL**, age 35, of Cobleskill, New York, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy in Federal Court in Albany on his guilty plea to a one count Indictment charging him with the possession of child pornography. **WALL** was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment and ordered to serve a 10 year term of supervised release. He also was ordered to (1) have no unsupervised contact with minors; (2) participate in a sex offender program; and (3) register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program. The court also ordered that various computer equipment be forfeited to the United States.

**WALL** pled guilty on March 15, 2007. During his plea, he admitted that on August 5, 2003, he posted images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct to one of Yahoo Inc.'s (Yahoo) online groups/communities. A Yahoo group is a online forum for individuals that share common interests and is designed to facilitate

communication and information sharing. Such a group consists of a website on which members can post messages and images. On December 10, 2003, federal law enforcement officials approached **WALL** and were given permission to search his computer. A forensic examination of this computer was subsequently conducted and thousands of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct were recovered.

**WALL** admitted today that these images depict individuals under the age of 18 engaged in, among other things, vaginal intercourse, oral sex, anal sex, masturbation and the lascivious exhibition of the genitals and pubic area. In addition, he admitted that images of objects being inserted into the vaginas of minors and an image of a minor with her hands tied and engaged in sexually explicit conduct were recovered from his computer. A number of the images recovered depict actual prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. In connection with his plea, **WALL** also noted that his interest in child pornography developed sometime in 1999, and that he has joined approximately 150 Yahoo E-Groups which offer images of minors.

The case was investigated by the FBI's Capital Region Cyber Predator Task Force and the Cobleskill Police Department.

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